exhibitions. Besides, as part of the comprehensive Policy package announced for SSI's by the Government on 30.8.2000, steps have been taken to ensure easier access to credit, collateral free composite loans upto Rs. 25 lakhs, capital subsidy for technology upgradation and improved infrastructure.

Financial assistance to SSI

909. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance granted to Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Haryana, Uttaranchal for schemes of small scale industries;

(b) whether Government have sought the progress report regarding utilisation of the funds, district- wise;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Schemes/ Programmes to promote Small Scale Industries are uniformly applicable to all States/Union Territories. However, under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), States/Union Territories are provided funds for training, entrepreneurial development, contingencies etc. based upon their annual targets.

(b) to (d) The progress reports and utilisation certificates in respect of funds released under the PMRY are regularly furnished by the States/Union Territorries to the Central Government. However, as the district-wise allocation of these funds are made by the State/Union Territories themselves, only a consolidated utilisation certificate is obtained from them.

Economic package for SSI

903. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to announce any economic package to protect small scale industries functioning at present in the country; and

(b) if so, the detail thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?